

Cardiff MRCS Part B OSCE Programme (Five-Day Attendance Course and Online Educational Content)



Feedback - April 2026

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This five-day preparatory course provided the attendee with a thorough understanding of the topics on which to focus and the areas to prepare for the MRCS OSCE. The course was delivered through a robust method of small group teaching, individual OSCEs and interactive discussions, all of which aimed to guide the attendee to prepare for each component of the exam (all stations were covered during the five days).

Day 1 and Day 2 focussed on the knowledge component of the exam, with emphasis placed on anatomy and pathology but also consideration of related microbiology and applied surgical sciences (physiology). Day 3 was divided into a morning session that covered clinical and procedural skills and an afternoon session that covered additional applied surgical sciences and critical care stations. Day 4 consisted of small group teaching using anatomical prosections, relevant pathological specimens, and osteology. A mock OSCE took place during the afternoon. Day 5 consisted of clinical examination stations in the morning and communication skills stations in the afternoon.

Course Information

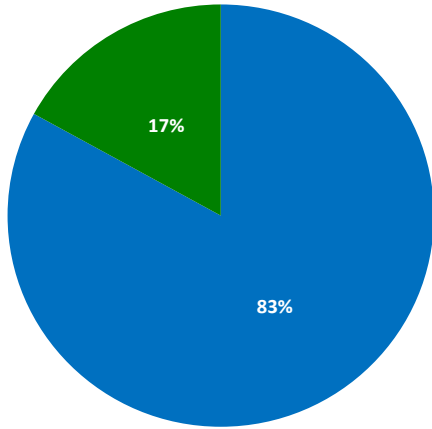
Venue:	College of Physicians and Surgeons of Cardiff, Cardiff Bay, Cardiff; School of Biosciences, Cardiff University
Dates:	22nd - 26th April 2026
Attendance:	44 Delegates
Aimed at:	Candidates Preparing for the MRCS OSCE Examination
Course Fee:	£945.00



Overall Feedback

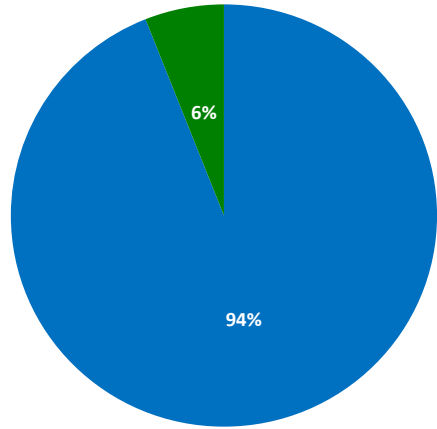
Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd April 2026

Skull Base, Head and Face



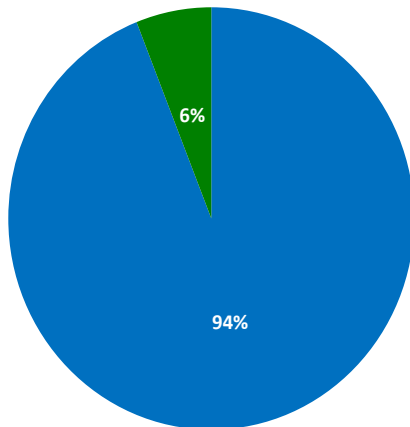
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Neck, Larynx, Soft Palate, and Pharynx



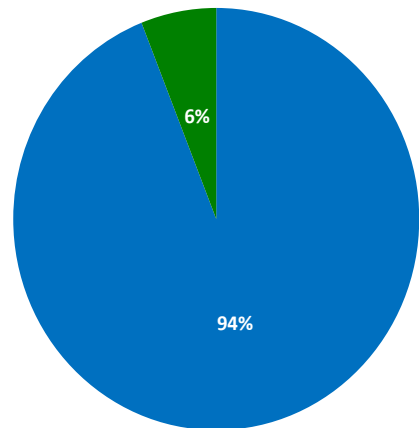
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Thorax, Mediastinum, Heart, and Lungs



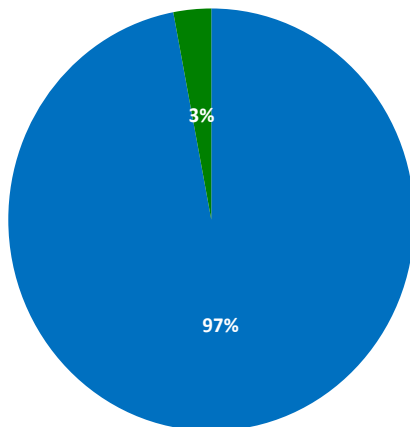
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Brachial Plexus, Upper Limb and Upper Limb Nerve Injuries



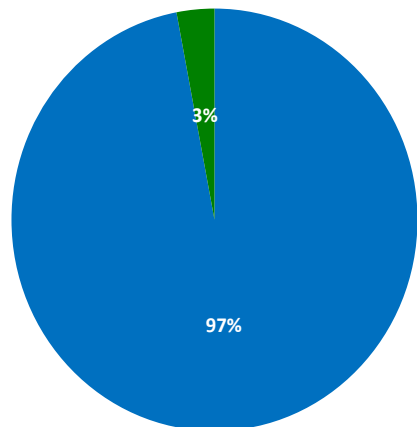
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General Abdomen



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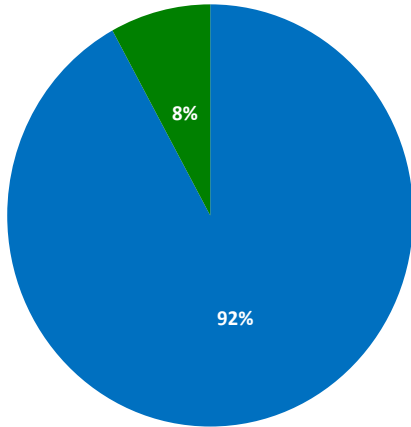
Abdominal Organs (Solid and Hollow)



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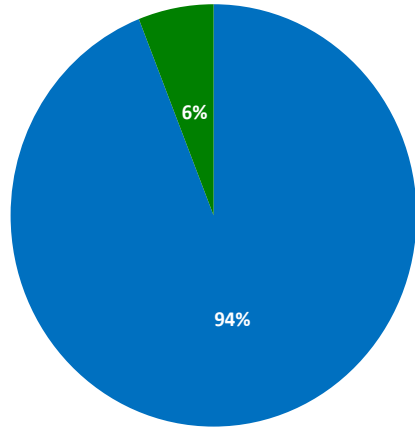
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Pelvis and Perineum



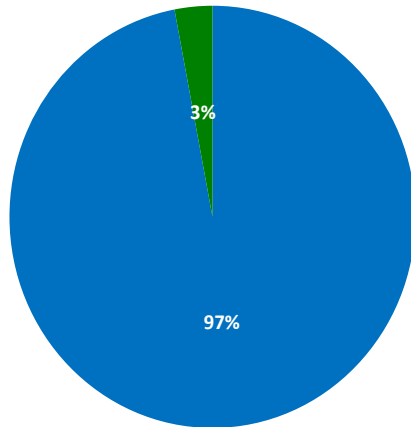
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Spinal Cord and Spinal Cord Syndromes



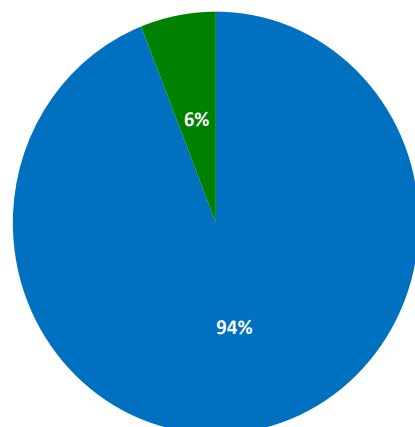
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Lumbosacral Plexus, Lower Limb and Lower Limb Nerve Injuries



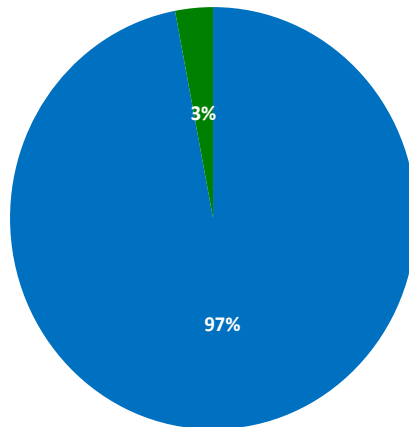
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Pathology: Lumps and Skin Cancers (Malignant Melanoma and Non-Melanoma)



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Pathology: Thyroid Pathologies and Cancers

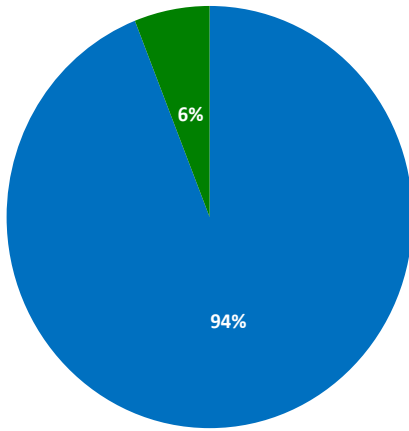


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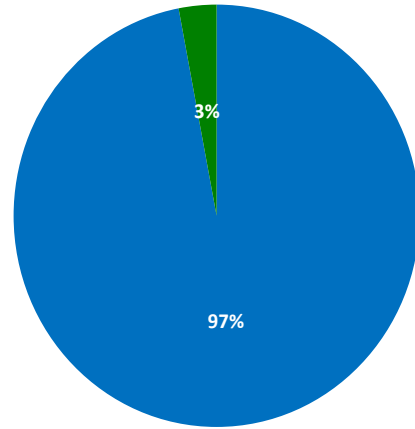
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Knot Tying



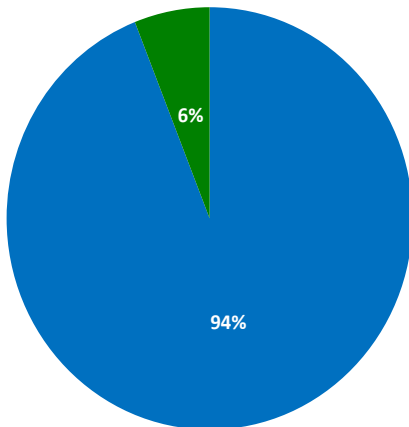
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Excision of a Lesion, Suturing, Sutures, and Suture Materials



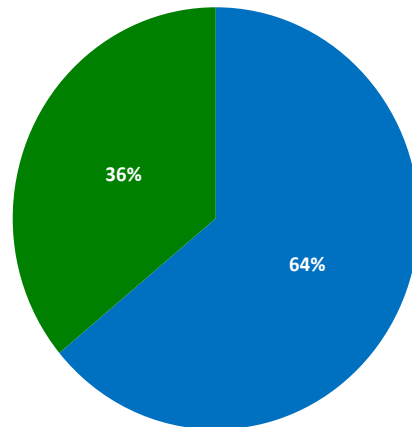
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Chest Drain Insertion



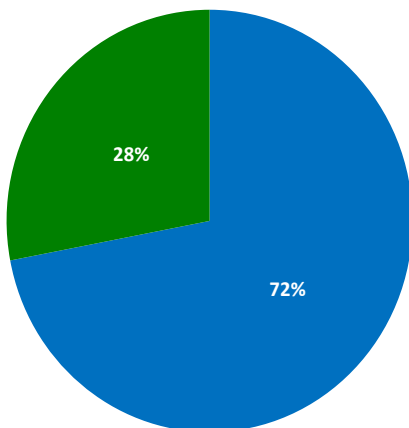
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ABG and Cannulation



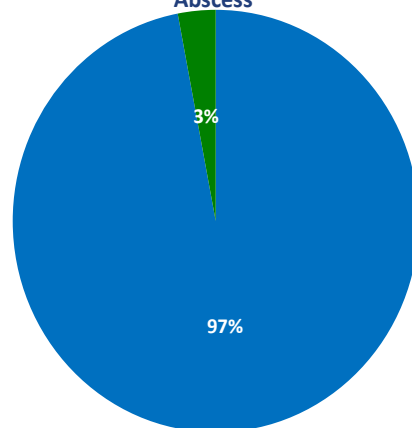
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Catheterisation



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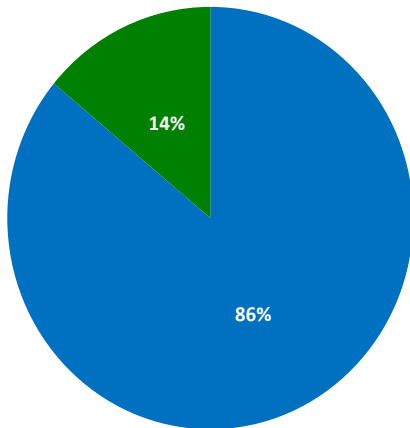
Wound Debridement and Drainage of an Abscess



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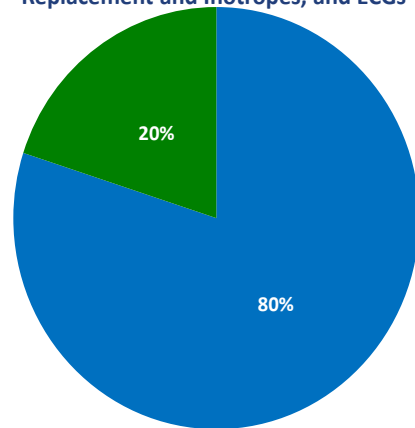
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Overview of Osteology



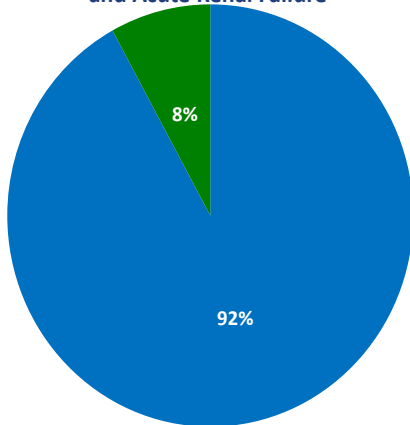
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Physiology 1: Heart Block, Mitral Valve Replacement and Inotropes, and ECGs



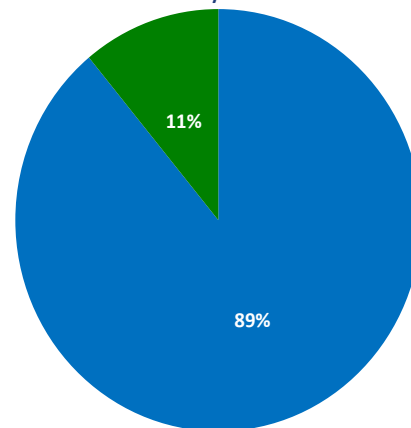
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Physiology 2: Pulmonary Embolism, ARDS, and Acute Renal Failure



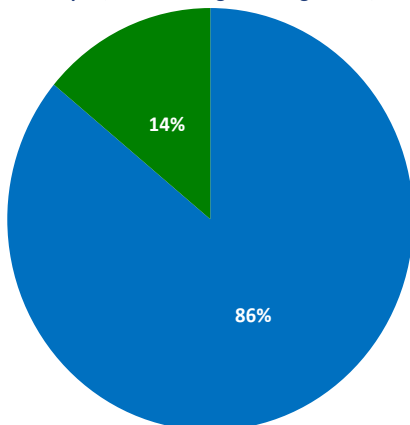
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Physiology 3: Malignant Hyperthermia, Gastric Outlet Obstruction, Acute Fluid Overload, and Pulmonary Oedema



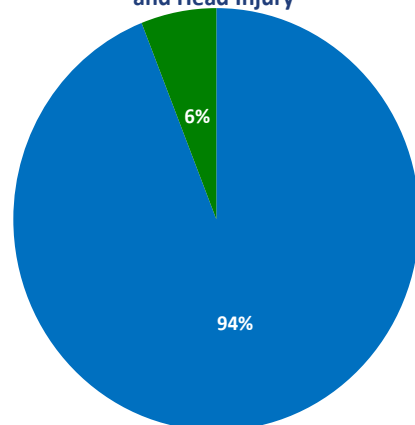
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Physiology 4: Brain Stem Death, Pneumonia Post-AAA Repair, and Bleeding and Coagulation/DIC



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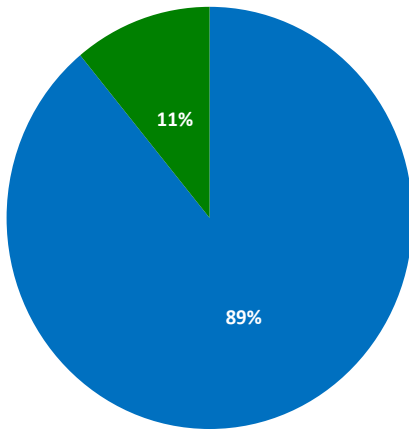
Physiology 5: Subarachnoid Haemorrhage and Head Injury



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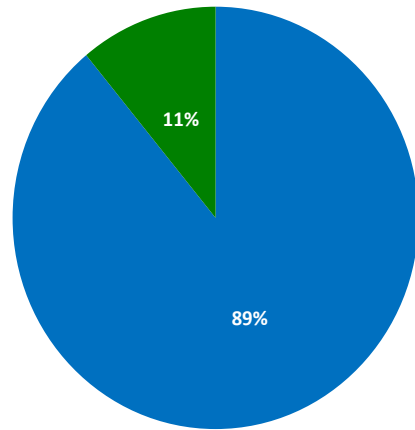
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Physiology 6: Hypothermia and Epidural



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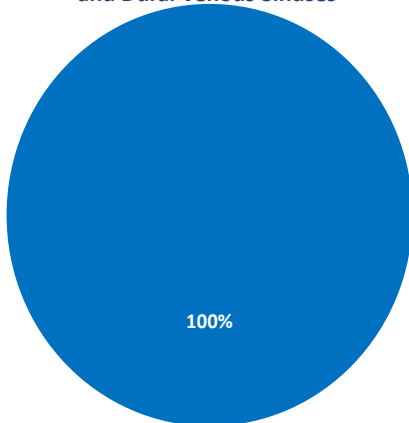
Theatre List Prioritisation



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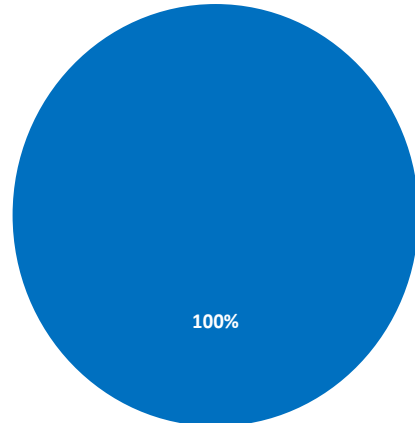
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Dissection Room: Skull Base, Circle of Willis, and Dural Venous Sinuses



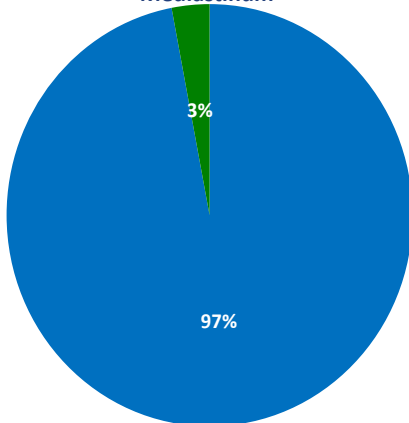
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Dissection Room - Face and Neck



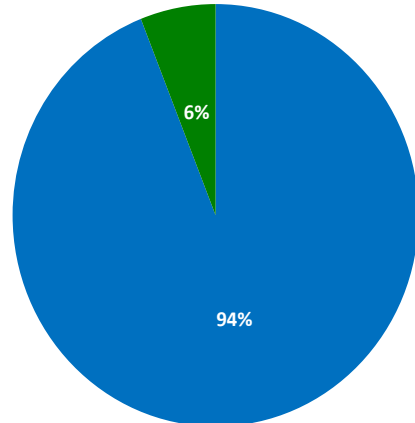
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Dissection Room: Heart, Lungs and Mediastinum



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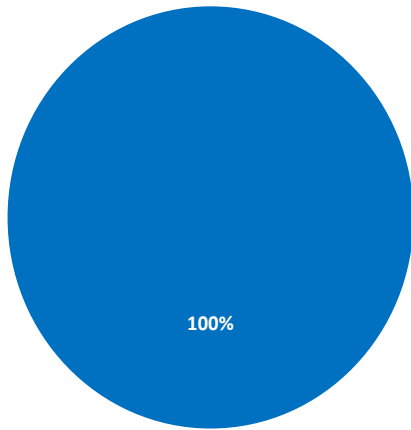
Dissection Room: Upper Limb (Soft Tissue)



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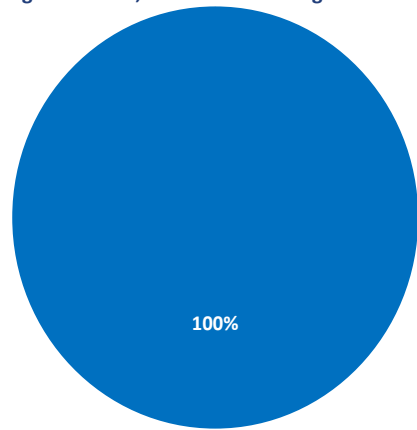
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Dissection Room: Lower Limb (Soft Tissue)



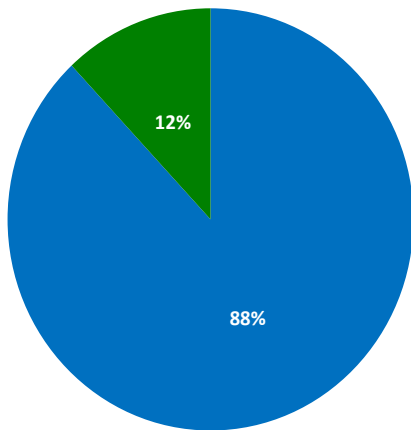
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Dissection Room: Anterior Abdominal Wall, Inguinal Canal, and Small and Large Intestine



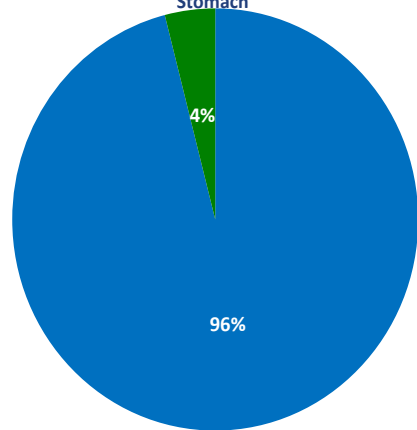
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Dissection Room: Vascular Anatomy



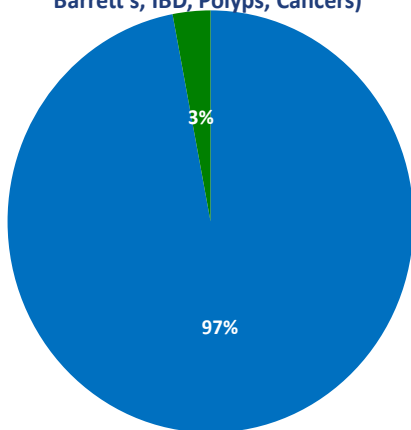
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Dissection Room: Solid Organs of the Abdomen (Liver, Spleen, Gallbladder, Pancreas, and Kidneys) and Stomach



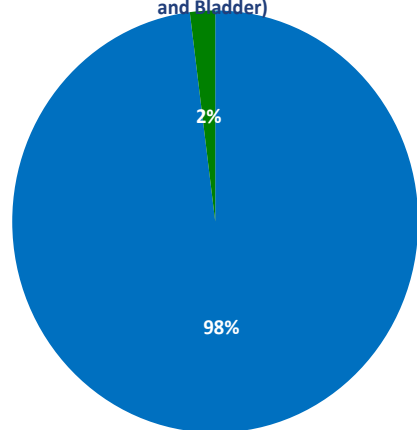
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Pathology 1: GI Pathology (Dysphagia, Barrett's, IBD, Polyps, Cancers)



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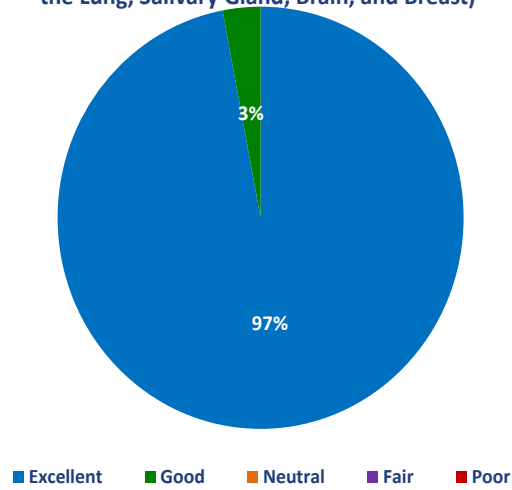
Pathology 2: GU Pathology (Inguinoscrotal Swellings; Cancers of the Testis, Prostate, Kidney, and Bladder)



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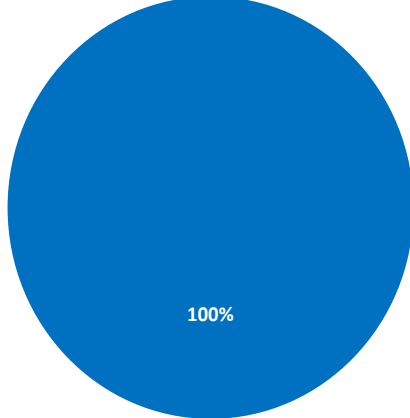
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Pathology 3: Other Pathologies (Tumours of the Lung, Salivary Gland, Brain, and Breast)



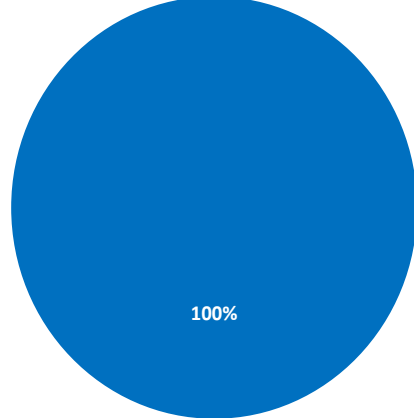
Sunday 26th April 2026

Examination of the Cranial Nerves and Cerebellum



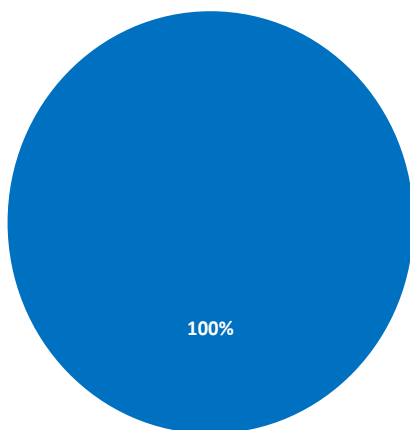
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Examination of the Cardiac System and Relevant Cases



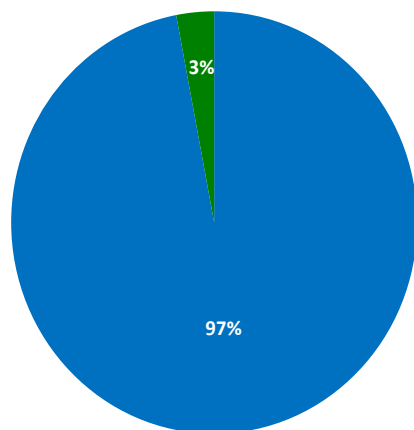
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Examination of the Hip and Knee



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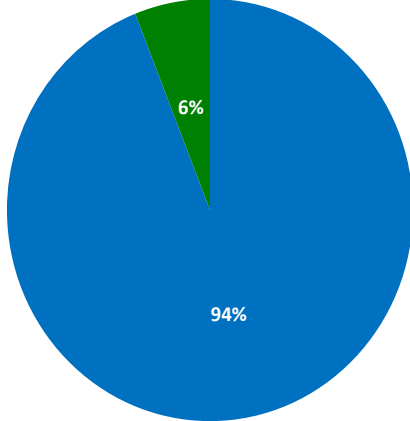
Examination of the Shoulder and Back



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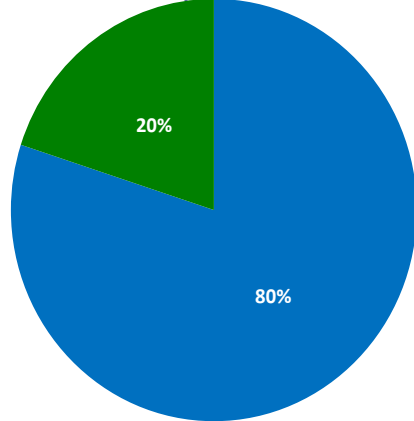
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Examination of the Abdomen, Abdominal Conditions, and AV Fistula



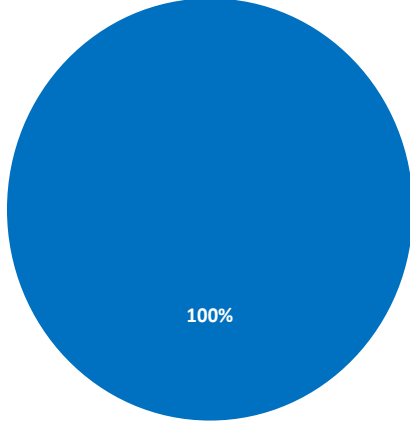
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Examination of the Arterial and Venous Systems



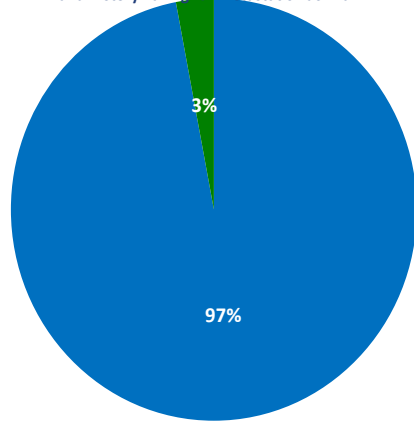
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Examination of the Neck and Salivary Glands



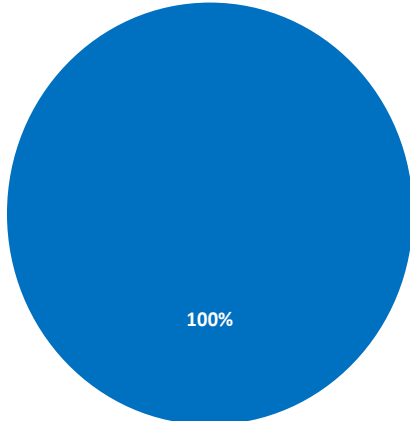
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Communication Skills: Information Giving for Vestibular Schwannoma, Information Giving for Extradural Haematoma, and History Taking for Metastatic Back Pain



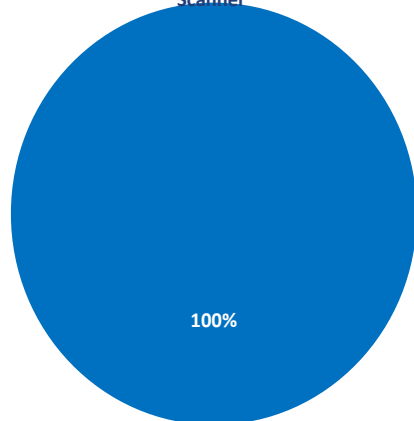
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Communication Skills: Consent for Lumbar Puncture, Explaining Anticoagulation, and Referral to Neurosurgical Centre



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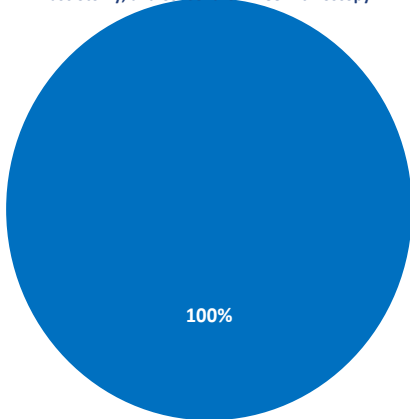
Communication Skills: Cancelled Operation, Self-Discharge, and Information Giving for Broken CT Scanner



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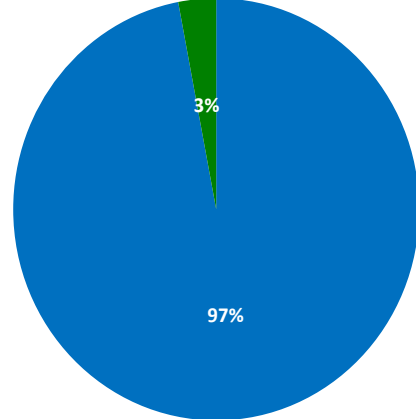
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Communication Skills: Telephone Conversation with the Consultant, Information Giving for Compartment Syndrome and Fasciotomy, and Consent for Knee Arthroscopy



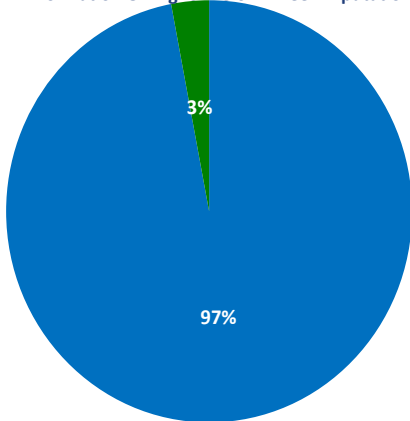
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Communication Skills: History Taking for PR Bleed, Consent for Colonoscopy, and Information Giving for Colorectal Cancer



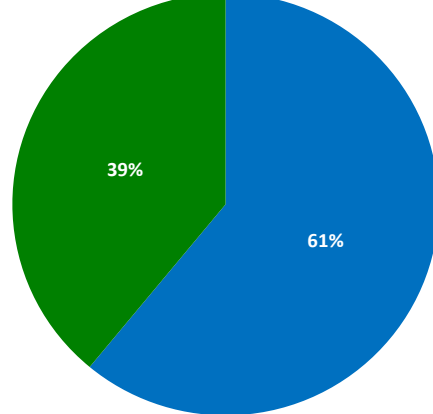
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Communication Skills: Consent for Carpal Tunnel, Information Giving for Peripheral Arterial Disease, and Information Giving for Below-Knee Amputation



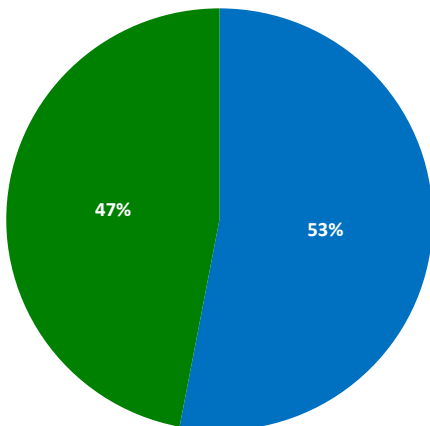
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How were the general facilities and the venue?



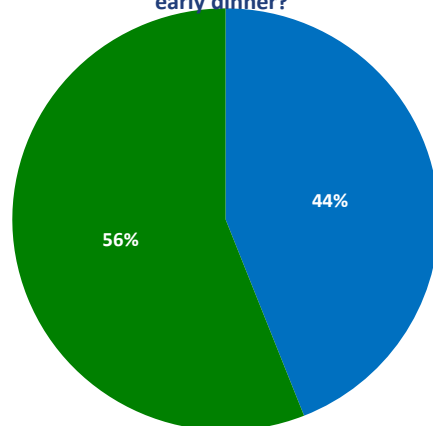
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How were the refreshments and snacks?



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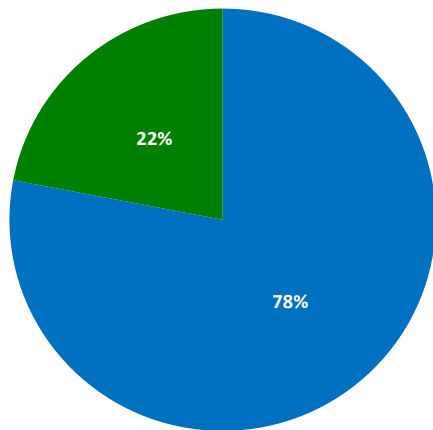
How was the food served during lunch and early dinner?



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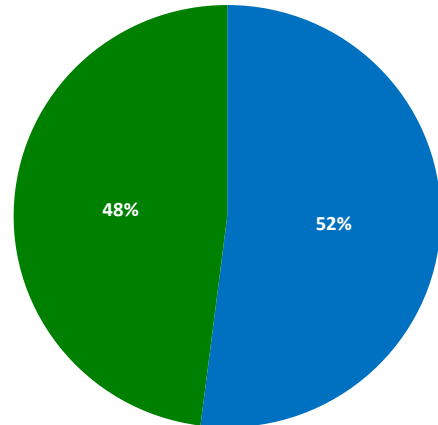
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Would you recommend this course to a friend?



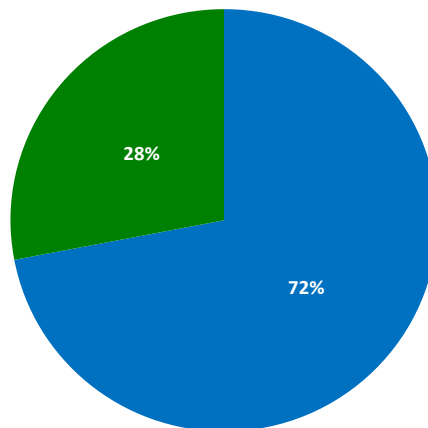
■ Most certainly ■ Certainly ■ Probably ■ Unlikely ■ Not at all

Do you think that this course provided good value for money?



■ Most certainly ■ Certainly ■ Probably ■ Unlikely ■ Not at all

Did this course meet your learning objectives and help you to prepare for the exam?



■ Most certainly ■ Certainly ■ Probably ■ Unlikely ■ Not at all

Individual Comments

Amazing.

CE

Great course, would definitely recommend and attend more of the courses in the future.

AS

Excellent organised. Great content and well delivered.

SB

Amazing course, great knowledge from tutors, and hospitality has been great.

KH

Very useful course particularly the cadaveric dissection.

EO

I am truly impressed by the course. What stood out to me most was how exceptionally well it was organised, the clarity of its structure, and how supportive and engaged the instructors were. I also really appreciated how focused the teaching and there was very little unnecessary information, and everything was delivered clearly and effectively. Of course, by the end of each day my brain was quite tired, and it became harder to absorb new material. However, if you were to ask me whether I would change anything about the course, my answer would be no as it is truly excellent as it is. I honestly wouldn't improve a thing. I am very grateful to all the instructors and organisers. Every single person played their role perfectly and contributed to an outstanding experience. I will definitely recommend this course if asked, and I believe it has played a significant role in my preparation. I now feel much more confident and better prepared for the exam at the very least, I have a clear understanding of what to expect.

IB

Fantastic course, I'm so glad I came.

AZ

Very useful course to provide an overview of the most important things to know for the exam.

WA

I thought the course was run extremely well given the high number of participant and staff ensured it was organised and I felt that the course leaders were very good at making sure it ran smoothly. I felt that this was an extremely useful course to do before my exam and highlighted the areas that I needed to revise and learn more about.

RB

Individual Comments

A brilliant course that I'm very glad I did

JM

It was excellent I feel well prepared now . Coming all the way from Nepal for this course was definitely worth it.

PS

Excellent. The pace was quick but it was manageable and we were able to cover all topics.

MT

Really organised, lots of high yield topics covered and tips to succeed.

DS

The dissection room was particularly helpful, small group sessions the tutors were excellent. Prof Enoch shared exceptional levels of knowledge - high volumes but very relevant.

CN

Very well constructed course, very thorough just very fast but it has to be. On the whole the faculty were amazing, such good teachers and so supportive.

ES

Excellent course, Prof Enoch's attention to detail and willingness to help at any point was beyond admirable.

QA

Excellent teaching and structure. The cadaver lab was particularly helpful. Helpful recapping of particularly important content.

SB



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